A TRUE NARRATIVE Of a moſt barbarous and Bloody MURTHER Committed in Wood-Street,

Upon the 25th. Day of *January*, 169⁰.

Licenſed according to Order.

AMongſt the many barbarous Cruelties and Homicides by Bloody-minded Perſons heretofore committed on their fellow-Creatures, it is thought convenient to publiſh an account of a horrible action, the hanouſneſs of which bloody Crime may hereafter be a Sting to the Conſciences of thoſe evil-minded Perſons, whoſe malicious tempers might elſe induce them to the like unnatural and cruel action.

MR. *Francis Deacon*, by his profeſſion a Whip-maker, and always reputed a very Honeſt Man amongſt his Neighborhood, who lived in the Pariſh of Saint *Michael Wood-ſtreet*, being gone to *Briſtol*-Fair, as his uſual cuſtome was, to make ſale of his Commodities, leaving his Wife in his abſence to take care of his Family, who being a Woman of a miſtruſtful temper, ſuggeſted that her Maid (whoſe Name was *Mary Cox*) had at ſeveral times Robbed and deprived her of Money by makeing uſe of or counterfeiting the Keys of her Cabinet, (which it ſeems, upon due inquiry, proved to be no more than a ſpightful imagination: and ſhe calling her to anſwer thoſe falſe accuſations, commanded her Apprentice to tye her to the Beds-Poſt, and there Laſhed her till ſhe made her confeſs what in no meaſure ſhe was Guilty of.

But not being ſatisfied with the ſevere Pennance ſhe has inflicted on her, caus'd a fire Forck to be heat red hot, and as her Cruelty gave way, Burnt her in *Seven* places on her Shoulder, and proceeded further in her Severity, and Burnt her in ſeveral places on her Right Thigh, and in three places under her Ear, beſides many other parts of her Body, inſomuch that the poor wretch was whal'd from head to foot; the Maid bearing this with great patience, was unwilling to Expoſe her Miſtriſs to the diſgrace of ſo ſevere an Action, came down ſtairs within three days after, being the *Twenty-Fifth* of *January*; cauſed her a ſecond time to be Bound Neck and Heels by her Husbands Prentices, and giving too much way to her exorbitant Paſſion, took up a *Hammer*, which *Satan*, through his ſubtilty, had placed for her purpoſe, and at ſeveral Blows crack'd her Skull in many places, amongſt which the Maid received her Mortal Wound; her Miſtreſs not being contented with this, made her Boys tumble her up and down, whilſt ſhe her ſelf ſtood laughing at the ſevere Uſage: The poor Maid (who, for ſeveral days Laboured under this Torment) betook her ſelf to her Bed; and in Two days time quitted this World in Hopes of a Better.

A *Jury*, upon this occaſion, was accordingly Summoned, who ſat two ſeveral times upon the Mangled Corps; who, after a Mature Debate, brought the Miſtreſs in Guilty of Willful Murther; and, upon Their Verdict, ſhe was Committed to *Newgate*.

The Names of the *Jury* were as followeth.

Mr. *Broom*, Coroner.

Mr. *Rumney*, Fore-Man.

	Briggs,		*Steed*,
	Gardner,		*James*,
	Campion,		*Lillington*,
	Bond,		*Aaron*,
Mr.	*Ragdell*,	Mr.	*Cook*,
	Shenton,		*Chamberlain*,
	Sculpam,		*Martincraft*,
	Richards,		*Davis*
	Adams,		*Ruth*.

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